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Concerning para in Weeka 49 Dec 1 reporting relief Lt Gen Fisher Hou as G2 MND and apmt of Col Lai Ming-Tang CAF to this post, source close to Gen Houing-Chin and considered reliable reports following which we believe gives correct picture of situation at present.

Gen Hou has been aptd Chairman of Strategic Planning Board of MND, which so far as known has little if any power. This is entirely different body from Advisory Comite on Strategy which operates directly under Gimo and is still headed by Gen Ho Ying-Chin.

At present guerillas on mainland are under genl control of Special Commission of which Chairman is Gen Chou Chih-Hou. Includes reps from MND, polit dept MND, exec Yuan, Min of Interior and Central KMT Hq. Under this commission is Dept for Continental Operations of which Gen Cheng Chieh-Min, one of vice Mins of Natl Defense, was aptd head 30 Nov. This dept will exercise direct control over guerilla activities. Apmt Gen Cheng not yet announced pending decision as to final decision on T/O of this dept.

Gen Fisher Hou has been shelved.

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